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EDITORIALLY

TOURIST'S SPENDING IN TEXAS INCREASES

Spring visitors spent a shopping amount of money while traveling in Texas--$547 per average tourist party--more than double the $257 they spent during 1973--according to a quarterly report just issued by the Texas Highway Department.

Compared to the average daily expenditure of $16.49 per person during 1973, this year's Spring-quarter tourist spent $25.97 each day in Texas. Highway Department spokesmen pointed out that the figures, which are computer tabulations for March, April and May, relate only to auto visitors from out of state.

Tom H. Taylor, director of tourism said that the increase in the number of days tourists stayed in Texas--nearly three more days than the average tourist visit last year--and the increased expenditure are probably due to the energy situation. "People are getting the maximum out of their visits. They're staying longer when they get here, and spending more."

Spring visitor parties spent substantially more for items not related directly to auto, food, and lodging expenses. During 1973 those "other" expenses averaged 27 per cent of each tourist dollar. Spring visitors spent 35 per cent of their dollars on "other" items.

The report included other statistics which indicate a surging Texas tourist industry. Even with recent questions about fuel availability, Spring tourists from out of state traveled 93 miles more, than did the average visitor party during 1973.

The size of the Spring visitor party was down slightly--2.41 persons compared to 2.74 persons during 1973--but the length of stay was substantially greater. During March, auto tourist party stayed 8.75 days in Texas, nearly three days longer than during 1973.

The longer stay in Texas raised the average spending per tourist party per trip to $547.58, more than double the amount spent per tourist party during the 1973 year, which was $271.73.

The Spring profile of Texas auto tourists is available from the Texas Highway Department, Travel & Information Division, Austin 78701.

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24 YEARS AGO
Let's Look Back

(Fri., April 28, 1950)

Over 65 senior members have been signed up for the Eagle Lake Civil Air Patrol, is the report of W. M. Thomas, Sr., Chairman of the Aviation Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. . .The Rice Recipe Contest of the Agricultural Committee of the Chamber of Commerce begins this week. Monthly awards of $50 will be made for the "Rice Recipe of the Month." . . . The Eagle Lake High School Band will play a concert in the school auditorium the night of Friday, May 5th, Martin Hale, director said this week. . Members of fifteen organizations of the town rose to their feet to signify their approval of the project of building a Community Hall for Eagle Lake at a meeting held at City Hall Wednesday night. David Winterman presided as chairman of the meeting at the request of Mrs. C. E. Everitt, Sr., president of the Eagle Lake Garden Club, who called the meeting. . . . Mrs. Gardner Seaholm on her third birthday last Friday afternoon with a party at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. I. V. Duncan. . Eagle Lake school will make the records next fall term as for the first time in history, the scholastic course in Eagle Lake goes over 1,000. The 1950 Seniors have scheduled their trip West from May 27th to June 8th. What a wonderful way to go!. . . Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Seaholm on their new addition to the family, Gus Einer born April 25th . . . Mrs. W. E. Lenhart, Mrs. V. T. Matthews, Mrs. C. E. Everitt, Sr., Mrs. Harold Thomas, Mrs. I. V. Duncan and Mrs. J. C. Jenkins attended the Garden Club Talent Coffee at the Shamrock Hotel's Grecian Room Tuesday when most talented members of garden clubs in District 4 were honored. . . The 1950 Red Cross Drive, after a slow start here, has ended announced H. J. Campbell, chairman of the Drive. Eagle Lake met its quota of $1,000. . .About 75 parents, teachers and children saw the entertaining hobby and puppet show put on by Mrs. C. E. Johnson and Mrs. V. T. Matthews at last week's meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association. . .Miss Sue Wyngeohoft of Eagle Lake has just recently written a book dealing with the accounting problems of farmers and ranchers, which is in the process of being published by the Bureau of Business Research at Texas University. . .Cub Scouts Den 3 won a softball tournament over Den 1-2 team last Wednesday afternoon. . .Mrs. E. C. Terrell entertained at a coffee at 10:00 o'clock yesterday morning for Mrs. J. R. Reed, who is moving today to El Campo. . .

KOPS Graduation Ceremony

LOTTIE TATE LEONA CRANEK LYNN POWERS EMILY STILES NELL ASH PATTY STEPHENS

TOPS & KOPS CELEBRATE 3RD ANNIV. WITH GRADUATION

The TOPS and KOPS of the Eagle Lake celebrated their third anniversary Thursday night with a graduation ceremony. . . .

KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly) a TOPS must reach his or her goal weight and maintain it for three months, not going more than three pounds over nor more than 7 pounds under that weight. Then the KOPS is eligible for graduation.

The program was introduced by leader Pearl Meltzen. The story of TOPS in song was told by group singing of words appropriate to TOPS set to tunes of well known songs accompanied by member Patty Stephens and guest pianist Mrs. Clarence Martin. A skit put on by "stuffed" members explored several problems of, and excused for, obesity, in the form of a "Fat Clinic" led by "Dr. Will Power" played by Tommie Crumpton. Members of the group were Lottie Tate as "Mrs. Stuff'em", Pearl Meltzen as "Mrs. Fad-a-Diet", Carolyn Rosprim as "Mrs. Hidden Calorie", Cindy Eden as "Mrs. Gala", and Nell Ash as "Mrs. Snacko".

The graduation ceremony was very impressive with the candidate, introduced by Tommie Crumpton, walking down the aisle to the tune of the candle a large candle at the center front stage. The large candle represents the flame of KOPS who light the way for others to weight loss by their shining example. The candles lit from it are the torches to be used during the KOPS lifelong battle against the constant pressures of habits leading back to obesity. Jo Ann Gertson sang "KOPS Graduation Day" accompanied by Mrs. Martin.

KOPS honored on this occasion were Lottie Tate, Emily Stiles, Patty Stephens, Lynne Powers, Leona Cranek and Nell Ash. Other KOPS who graduated at Texas TOPS State Recognition Day in Corpus Christi were Pearl Meltzen, Jo Ann Gertson and June Mahaffe. Also honored as a Five Year KOPS was Tommie Crumpton. Mrs. Crumpton transferred to the local group from Woodsboro where she founded the club, reached her goal and maintained it, within leeway, for five years. She will receive a bronze medallion for this accomplishment.

Didner Hall was the setting for this impressive ceremony. The stage was covered with a lush green covering. In the background was a white trellis entwined with yellow roses. On either side of the stage were potted mums. Graduating KOPS were lovely in long white gowns and graduation caps. Each KOP received a yellow rose corsage.

After graduation a countdown was held to identify the queen of the year (the best loser), Lottie Tate, who lost 64 pounds to goal. As she was crowned and robed, Nell Ash and Cindy Eden sang the TOPS Royalty Song accompanied by Mrs. Martin.

Both attending members and guest agreed the program was most inspirational and enjoyable.

CPL Rates

(Continued from page one)

President said, "however, we expect to have fuel, either natural gas or fuel oil, to assure a dependable power supply now and in the future."

"Whenever curtailments occur," Davis explained, "we have to purchase higher-priced gas, or switch our power plants over to fuel oil, which costs even more than natural gas."

As reflected in this month's bill, CPL paid an average cost of 74 cents per million BTU's for its power plant fuel. In July, the fuel adjustment will be based on an even higher fuel cost.

CPL is currently having to pay from $1.10 to $1.40 per million BTU's for spot-purchased natural gas, while fuel oil costs up to $2.20 per million BTU's.

"The more our natural gas supply is curtailed, the more oil we'll have to use to keep our power plants running," the CPL president pointed out. "Those higher fuel costs will be reflected in our customers' bills every month."

With the current fuel cost of 74 cents, a residential customer using 1000 kilowatt hours of electricity a month will pay a fuel adjustment of $7.13 on a base bill of $23.43. This is $1.98 more than in May.

In an effort to control spiraling fuel costs, CPL is gearing up to use other types of fuel as soon as possible. The company is participating in a nuclear power plant to be built in Matagorda County, and a coal-fired generating plant is expected to begin operation in 1979. The company is also involved in an exploration and drilling program in an attempt to find additional natural gas supplies.

Thomas Tedder Dies Suddenly In Palacios

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and a resident of Palacios for the past fourteen years, died suddenly of a heart attack suffered on Monday. He passed away in the Wagner General Hospital in that city at 6:20 p.m. He was an employee of Tenneco in Palacios and began work with the company here at the Chesterville plant.

He was born Sept. 21, 1934 in Jay, Florida the son of Thomas S. and Frances Bo- Tedder.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Irene Graves Tedder of Palacios; two sons, Thomas Ray Tedder who is in the Air Force stationed in England and Darrell Tedder of Palacios; and one brother, Donny Tedder of Florida.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. in the Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. He was brought to Eagle Lake for burial in the Lakeside Cemetery with the graveside rites scheduled for 4:30 p.m. this Wed., June 19th.

Friends join in extending sympathy to the family in the loss of this loved one.

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5 From EL On SHSU Dean's List

When students at Sam Houston State University excell in their classwork, they are rewarded by having their names placed on the Dean's List of Academic Honors.

The list contains the names of all students who have attained a semester grade point average of at least 3.0 ("B") on a 4.0 ("A") scale in at least 12 hours of university classwork at SHSU.

Following are the names and the semester grade point averages of students whose names appear on the SHSU Dean's List from Eagle Lake: Carol Ann Jones-3.0; Vicki Dianne Sanders-4.0; Gardner Axel Seaholm-3.0; John L. Seaholm-3.4; and Robert E. Simcik-3.0.

Let's Look Back
48 YEARS AGO

(April 24, 1926)

From the torrential rains locally and up the river beyong Bastrop the Colorado River is on the biggest rise since 1921. Water reached 35 1/2 feet at Columbus Thursday afternoon and remains on a stand at that same figure there this Friday morning. Matthews Brothers have about 300 acres of cotton under water and H. M. Fitzgerald, on the N. L. Anderson place, has 100 acres of cotton flooded. Considerable acreage on the Englebard farm is inundated. The 35 acre potato field of Ervin Terrell, on the Englehard place, is overflowed. . . .Possibly the largest consignment of steers ever shipped out of South Texas left Matagorda County Tuesday for Kansas. There were two trains of forty cars each handling the herd of 1000 of the old time Texas longhorn stock. This shipment marks the passing of this breed of cattle for it is certain that such a large herd will never be rounded up again. . . . . The city council awarded the contract for building the new city hall and fire station to W. O. Stephenson of Foresville on a bid of $17,775.00 R. H. Towell was given the contract for the lighting and plumbing work, making the total cost of the city hall building $18,470. . . Saturday afternoon, when Lester Forbes was enroute to the rice fields, where his father, F. J. Forbes, is doing a big job of cement work for the Lakeside Irrigation Company, the steering wheel of the Ford touring car became locked, skidding the wheels and turning the car over into the highway ditch. In the car with Lester were his younger sister, Clara Mae, and two younger brothers, Delno and Leroy. Other than being wet by the water in the ditch, none of the children were injured and the car undamaged. The accident took place just east of the Glen Sunderman home. . . .Last Friday was "married peoples night" when a dance, featuring all of the old-time dances, was enjoyed in the dining room at the Dallas Hotel. A. C. Lewis and Gus Weisler were the "fiddlers" on the occasion. . . Vic Englehard is one of the best fishermen in the community. He went out in his car the other day to see if he couldn't get a few nice big yellow cats. Vic is a fisherman of many lines, and he had so many fishing poles tied on his car that a negro woman flagged him down, thinking he was selling fishing poles. It's a fact. This actually happened. . . . .

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News From The Heritage House

BY BETTY SWANNER

CHURCH SERVICES

First Presbyterian Church held the church services with Mrs. Boothe on the piano and the Rev. Olen Kennell as the speaker. We had a large crowd.

OUT ON PASS

Mrs. Callie O'Neal went out on pass with her daughter, Leonard Nicewander went home for the week-end. Jessie Vawter went to spend the week-end with his son and daughter in law, Mrs. Rivera was out on week-end pass.

NEW RESIDENTS

We would like to welcome Mrs. Willie Toliver of Garwood who came to make her home with us. Also Mrs. Mary Rawlins is with us again.

VISITORS

Mrs. Williams of Cleburne, sister of Mrs. Mamie Miles, was in to visit her. Mr. Brake had some visitors and a fourth generation was among them. She was Laura, a great grand child.

His Dunbar, Mrs. Hazel John and Mrs. Larina Smyre were in to see Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Caylor, Mrs Havens, Mrs. Nicewander, Mrs. White and Mrs. Marshall were in to visit.

We had a lot of visitors for the week-end, it is impossible to get all the names. Thank you for coming.

We would like to thank Mrs. Frank Davidson, Sr. for the beautiful flowers given in memory of Mr. Davidson and also the Hough family for the beautiful pot plants.

We lost another one of our residents, Mrs. Amanda Selders, who passed away Tuesday night.

We would also like to thank the Martha Sunday School Class for the hymn book.

Nada CYO Plans Party On July 6th

The Nada CYO held a meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 1974 at 9:00 p.m. in the St. Mary's School Library to admit the new members. A prayer was said to open the meeting, then roll call was taken. There were twenty-one old members and eight new members in attendance. The new members were Betty Lou Boenisch, Terese Gold, Gretchen Gold, Betty Ann Labay, Gregory Kornek, Michael Korenek, Jerry Labay, and Anthony Prihoda.

The minutes were approved as read by the secretary, Carol Schoellmann, after which treasurer Linda Morton gave her report. The committees

softball games they had played. The members sang the CYO song and Mr. Gold welcomed the new members in his regular talk.

In old business, Phyllis Korenek and Linda Morton were appointed committee chairman for the CYO's begin-fit party to be held on July 6. It was also reported that the CYO had bought a camera. Under new business, the softball tournament in Edna on Sunday, June 9, was discussed. After the meeting, refreshments were served to welcome the new members. Carol Schoellmann, Civic Chairman.

REFLECTIONS ON International Sunday School Lesson

(II Thessalonians 2:1-2; 3:6-16)

Sometimes conclusions can be wrong. We get the facts and they seem to plainly point to a conclusion that later proves to be entirely wrong. This is nothing more than a simple breakdown in logic. The Apostle Paul observed that some of what he had taught the Christians in Thessalonica concerning the Second Coming of Christ had been carried to its illogical conclusion.

The church had immediately responded to the teaching that Christ was coming again. The problem was that several of the members listened to the conclusions of false teachers. They said that since Christ is coming again, we need to quit our jobs and simply sit down and wait for the great event. Bills, budgets, jobs, and the everyday affairs were simply matters to be forgotten. Waiting for the soon to come event was the primary preoccupation of these people. But, in the words of Peter Marshall, "we need to be careful not to become so heavenly minded that we are of no earthly good."

The Apostle's response to this was immediate and strong. No one should be allowed to eat who will not work. Idleness cannot be passed off as a Christian virtue no matter how pious you make it sound. The Second Coming is a doctrine to instill a desire for earnest work rather than to become an excuse for simply sitting down and waiting for the big event. Zeal in evangelizing others should be the natural result of expecting Christ's coming.

A lazy person will find almost any excuse for not working. A person who has determined that they will live at the expense of others and off other's energies will often find a pious excuse for their lack of effort. This was why Paul found it necessary to state the principle: "If any one will not work, let him not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work (II Thess. 3:10-11)".

Hard work should always characterize the Christian. Rather than excuses for not performing, the Christian should produce results in every activity. He should honestly and earnestly give the best energy and devotion to his job. Zeal, and earnest effort should be demonstrated in worship and witnessing. A noted scholar has wisely stated: "The value of any doctrine is demonstrated in its practical application to our lives." The doctrine of the Second Coming has its practical applications, too. It teaches us to work harder because we know that we want to accomplish everything possible before Christ comes again.

The gardener of a large estate in Scotland kept it so perfectly that a visitor once asked him how long it has been since his master had come to see the estate. "It has been eleven years," was the reply, "It looks as though you expect him tomorrow." The visitor responded, "No, today," was the response. That is the Christian's response to the coming of Christ. We work, worship, witness, and believe as though His coming again could be today.

Attend Learning Center Workshop

Shown above is a portion of the group attending the Learning Center Workshop held at the Eagle Lake Middle School. Working on projects and discussion of ideas, are, left to right, Bobby Johnson, Winona Rolf, Loreta Sowell, William Gohlke; and on this side of the table, Betty Wegenhoft.

Middle School Center Workshop

The Eagle Lake Middle School hosted a Learning Center Workshop in the school library during the week of June 10-14. This workshop was funded by Title I. Instructors were Sister Leona and Sister Benita of the Corpus Christi School in Houston. The purpose for this training was to demonstrate to teachers how they can redirect their instructions from the teacher dominated lecture type of instructional program to a more democratic learning activity centered classroom.

Professional employees of the Rice District who attended the daily sessions were: Betty Brown, Carol Hollas, Agnes Kleiser and Claudine Shorter of the Eagle Lake Primary School; Carole Pawlicek, Winona Rolf, Loreta Sowell and Betty Wegenhoft of the Eagle Lake Middle School; Minnie Shaw and Rosemary Smith of the Garwood Elementary School, Leona Kloss and William Gohlke of the Sheridan Elementary School; and Marjorie Crabb of Rice High School. Persons attending one session were: Sue Engstrom of the Eagle Lake Primary School, Victor Scott of Plan A and Mary Zavesky of the Eagle Lake Middle School.

Paraprofessionals who were trained in learning center activities were: Helen Berger of Saint Mary's School in Nadi, Ann Hogan of the Gar-

VISIT LAUGHLINS

Dr. and Mrs. Ed Kalmon of Oklahoma City, Okla., visited and Mrs. J. R. Laughlin, and also with Dr. and Mrs. Curtis Laughlin and other relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Laughlins hosted a group of relatives and friends for a cocktail buffet at their lakeside home Thursday evening complimenting the Oklahoma visitors.

Joe Mike Spanihel With Army in El Paso

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mike Spanihel returned to El Paso Sunday, June 9th, where he is stationed with the army at Fort Bliss after visiting here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Spanihel and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Kucherka, and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Spanihel arrived here on May 31st to attend the funeral of her grandmother, Mrs. W. H. Nelson. Joe Mike and a friend, Duane Murphy, also stationed at Fort Bliss, arrived here on Thursday, June 6th, Mr. Murphy returned with them.

Miss Susan Kucherka, sister of Mrs. Spanihel, also accompanied them back to El Paso for a ten day visit.

EAT MORE RICE

Tommy Balusek Wins In Youth Rodeos

Tommy Balusek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Balusek of Garwood, attended the George West F.F.A. Youth Rodeo, April 26-27-28. It was a one Go-Round Rodeo and Tommy entered three events. He was declared Champion Junior Ribbon Roper with a time of 7.5. Also he was declared Champion Junior Breakaway Roper with a time of 2.8. He was presented two beautiful gold and silver buckles.

In the Steer-Roping he placed third and won a saddle pad.

Tommy also attended the Bay City T.Y.R.A. Youth Rodeo, May 31, June 1-2. He was declared the Champion Junior Ribbon Roper with a time of 13.8 and 9.1. He was presented a beautiful gold and silver Nelson buckle. For the Go-Round he was presented a horse sheet.

M. E. Isenhower Complimented On 80th Birthday

Mrs. Everett Isenhower entertained at a dinner in the dining hall of the United Methodist Church in Lissie in honor of Mr. Isenhower's 80th birthday anniversary, Friday, June 14.

The tables were beautifully appointed with summer flowers, candelabra entwined with ivy, and a two-tiered birthday cake in white and blue which served as the centerpiece.

A program, dedicated to Mr. Isenhower, followed the dinner. The guests were introduced in family groups by Mrs. Isenhower and Mrs. Stephen Raby of San Antonio, Miss Shirley West, of Sikeston, Mo., performed as Mistress of Ceremonies.

The evening's entertainment included piano numbers entitled "Theme from Brian's Song", "Oriental" and "Moonlight Sonata," by Ellana Johnson; a reading of poetry, Helen S. Rice's "Happy Birthday to Someone Who Makes This a Wonderful World," by Mrs. Clyde Faries Macomb, Ill. The Rev. Paul Wallace spoke on the theme

Elizabeth Faries of Macomb, Ill.; Miss Shirley West, Sikeston, Mo.; Mrs. Lillian Raby and daughter, Debora of San Antonio; Mrs. Rose Williams and Mrs. Meta Martens, Houston.

Local guests in attendance were the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Isenhower, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Isenhower, Mr. and Mrs. Griff Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thomas, Sr., Mrs. Mary Jane Heflin, Mrs. Esther Sunderman, Mrs. Emma Thomas, Mrs. Elsie Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Herman, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson and daughter, Ellana, and Mrs. Ida Causey.

TOPS REPORT

TOPS 697

TOPS 697 met June 12 with an impressive "weigh in" roll call. Only two members had a small gain. All others either lost or maintained their weight.

Members are urged to bring their June TOPS magazine to the next meeting. A report on nutrition and the rate of increase in the consumption of weight-gaining foods was given by the Queen for the Week que which had been made as a gift by Mr. Isenhower, and complimented Mr. Isenhower's creative craftsmanship, service to his church and community, and his faithfulness to all. As a request from her grandfather, Miss Debora Raby, accompanied by Mrs Paul Wallace, sang "The Lord's Prayer," concluding the program.

Out of town guests who attended were: Mrs. Marietta Coffin and daughter, Diann, of Phoenix, Arizona; Mrs. E-

Mrs. Stafford Passes 97th Birthday Sun.

Mrs. Ma Stafford, twin sister of Mrs. Louis (Sophie) Hintz of Galveston, observed her 97th birthday anniversary quietly in the Heritage House where she is a resident, Sunday, June 16th.

Her son's family, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Blair, and her grandson's family, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Blair and sons, Brian and Gregory, joined her at the H. H. along with Mrs. Sidney Miller, other residents and employees of the Home for visiting and refreshments of cake and coffee.

Mrs. Tennessee Werlla of Conroe visited Mrs. Stafford on Sunday.

Judy Reese.

Members are reminded of the self defense course given at Dinner Hall on Monday night by Officer Gary Eden.

Make plans to attend the next TOPS meeting. You, too, can be slimmer this summer.

Free Pizza

Mrs. Jackie Andel, this is your free ticket for free pizza at the Eagle Lake Dairy Delite, where you get the finest foods - and now delicious pizza. Clip this out and present at the Dairy Delite for your free pizza not later than June 26, 1974.

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